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In the Title

Please amend the title to read as follows --EXTERNAL I/O AND COMMUNICATIONS INTERFACE FOR A REVENUE METER--

In the Abstract

Please replace the text of the existing abstract with the following text:

--A revenue meter includes electronics for measuring the delivery of electrical energy from an energy supplier to a consumer through an electric circuit. An interface link connects to the revenue meter. An I/O and communications device connects through the interface link to the revenue meter. The I/O and communications device may also connect to a second electric circuit. The I/O and communications device uses a serial interface to communicate with the revenue meter. The I/O and communications device provides one or more of analog inputs and outputs, digital inputs and outputs, and communications ports.--

In the Specification

On page 1, in the Cross Reference to Related Applications section, please delete the text from line 4 to line 28, and insert the following text thereof:

--The following co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. patent applications have been filed on the same date as the present application. All of these applications relate to and further describe other aspects of the embodiments disclosed in the present application and are all herein incorporated by reference.

U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/370,317, "REVENUE METER WITH POWER QUALITY FEATURES", (Attorney Ref. No. 06270/22), filed August 9, 1999.

U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/371,883, "A-BASE REVENUE METER WITH POWER QUALITY FEATURES", (Attorney Ref. No. 06270/32), filed August 9, 1999.

U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/370,695, "REVENUE METER WITH GRAPHIC USER INTERFACE", (Attorney Ref. No. 06270/23), filed August 9, 1999.

U.S. Pat. Application Ser. No. 09/370,686, "REVENUE METER BLADE ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF ATTACHMENT", (Attorney Ref. No. 06270/25), filed August 9, 1999, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,186,842 on February 13, 2001.